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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GDR TO SEND MILITARY ATTACHES WEST

1. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCE IN BERLIN OFFICE OF FRG' S MINISTRY FOR INNER GERMAN AFFAIRS, GDR INTENDS IN NEAR FUTURE TO ASSIGN MILITARY ATTACHES TO SEVERAL OF THEIR NEWLY OPENED EMBASSIES IN WESTERN EUROPE. SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN THIS REGARD WERE DENMARK, NORWAY, BELGUIM, SWEDEN AND FINLAND. TO DATE GDR HAS POSTED MILITARY ATTACHES ONLY TO EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, PART OF THE ARAB WORLD AND CONG- BRAZZAVILLE.

2. FOCUS ON SCANDANAVIA CONSISTENT WITH OBVIOUS GEOGRAPHIC IMPERATIVES

AS WELL AS WITH RECURRING RUMORS WE HAVE HEARD THAT GDR HAS BEEN
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GIVEN SPECIAL TASK OF CONCENTRATING ON BALTIC AREA AS PART OF
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PACT'S OVER- ALL MILITARY/ STRATEGIC POLICY VIS- A- VIS
WESTERN EUROPE. LOCATION NATO HEADQUARTERS OBVIOUS
EXPLANATION GDR INTEREST IN BRUSSELS AS ONLY WESTERN
EUROPEAN CAPITAL SELECTED OUTSIDE SCANDINAVIA.

3. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, IT OCCURS TO US THAT IT MIGHT BE WORTHWHILE
TO CONSIDER A REVIEW WITH NATO ALLIES OF THEIR POLICY RE EXCHANGE
OF MILITARY ATTACHES WITH GDR. KLEIN

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AND ARE WAITING FOR
THEIR LOVED ONES TO JOIN THEM. BROADCASTS INCLUDE SPECIFIC
NAMES OF SOME RF OFFICERS AND MEN GIVEN TO THE COMMUNISTS BY
A RECENT DEFECTOR. BOTH COLONEL HA MAI VIET, THE QUANG TRI
PROVINCE CHIEF, AND BG BUI THE LAN, THE MARINE COMMANDER
WITH OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THESE UNITS, HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN
OVER THIS PROBLEM IN ALL FIVE OF THE RF BATTALIONS ON THIS
SECTION OF THE FRONT. BG LAN INTENDS TO TRANSFER THESE UNITS
TO THE REAR.

B. MAJOR TRAN NGOC TAN, SON TINH DISTRICT CHIEF, REPORTED TO
AREA DIRECTOR QUANG NAGAI, THAT HIS TERRITORIAL FORCES IN EASTERN
SON TINH ARE NOT NOW CAPABLE OF HOLDING THE LOWER BATANGAN
PENINSULA OR PROTECTING RETURN TO VILLAGE SITES THERE WITHOUT
THE OPERATIONAL SUPPORT OF THE 6 TH ARVN REGIMENT. ONE SIGNIFICANT
REASON IS DETERIORATED MORALE, PARTICULARLY IN THE 117 TH RF
BATTALION OPERATING ON HILL 21 (REF DANANG 471). TO SHORE UP
THEIR MORALE, SECTOR HAS SENT A LETTER OF COMMENDATION AND
\$ VN 10,000 TO BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE TROOPS OF THE 117 TH.
AN ADDITIONAL RF COMPANY HAS ALSO BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE HILL.

4. GVN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES:

MAJOR VU THAI THANH HOA, TU NGHIA DISTRICT CHIEF, IN CONVERSATION
WITH AREA DIRECTOR QUANG NGAI, HAS BELITTLED THE PSYWAR CAMPAIGN
OF DALAT ACADEMY CADETS ON THE BASIS THAT COUNTRY PEOPLE CANNOT
UNDERSTAND WHAT THE CADETS ARE TALKING ABOUT BECAUSE OF THE LEVEL
OF SOPHISTICATION OF THE LANGUAGE THEY EMPLOY. THE DISTRICT
CHIEF SAID HE HAS TO GO AROUND AFTER THEIR HAMLET VISITS TO RE-
EXPLAIN THE CADETS' LINE IN COUNTRY TERMS. (CONGEN COMMENT:
THIS SAME CRITICISM HAS BEEN VOICED ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS IN
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MR I PROVINCES AND IN THUA THIEN, FOR EXAMPLE, INFORMATION
SERVICE CADRE HAVE HAD TO FOLLOW UP CADET HAMLET VISITS.
END COMMENT.)

5. GVN CONTROL OF TRADING WITH THE ENEMY:

MAJOR HOA ALSO COMMENTED TO AREA DIRECTOR QUANG NGAI ON PROBLEMS OF TRADING WITH THE ENEMY. HE SAID THAT IF 60 PERCENT OF THE TRADE COULD BE HALTED, HE WOULD BE SATISFIED BECAUSE WITH THE REMAINDER THE VC WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BUILD UP THEIR AREA RAPIDLY. HE HAS REQUIRED RICE MILLS TO RECORD THE AMOUNTS BROUGHT IN FOR MILLING AND THE AMOUNTS PURCHASED AND TAKEN AWAY, TOGETHER WITH NAMES AND SIZE OF FAMILIES. IN SELLING RICE, MILLERS MUST ADHERE TO A STANDARD OF IMMEDIATE RICE NEEDS SET FOR THE SIZE OF EACH FAMILY. HOA DOES NOT THINK MUCH RICE IS TAKEN BY THE VC DIRECTLY FROM THE FIELDS. HE IS CONCERNED WITH MARKETS JUST ACROSS THE DISTRICT BORDER IN NORTHERN MO DUC DISTRICT, HOWEVER, WHICH HE SAID HAVE BECOME PRINCIPAL VC PURCHASING POINTS.

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